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1. RAI AGREES 25 OPTIMUM NUMBER. ITALIAN PROJECT COORDINATOR VINCENZO MAZZAGLIA (USIS) WILL ACCOMPANY.
2. FULL BIODATA WILL BE PROVIDED WITHING WEEK. DELAY DUE TO VACATIONS.
3. THROUGH OUR CHANNELS, SPECIAL RATES OBTAINED WALDORD ASTORIA, NEW YORK (SINGLE \$31; DOUBLE \$43), AND STATLER-HILTON WASHINGTON (SINGLE \$19; DOUBLE \$25). SUGGEST CONTACT MR. LEO BONARDI AT WALDORF AND MRS. VERONICA BARZELLATO AT STATLER-HILTON, MENTIONING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. PIANTINI OF ROME HILTON. BARZELLATO AND BONARDI EXPECTING MCDONALD COMMUNICATE WITH THEM ON DETAILS. TO KEEP IN CHANNELS, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OFFICER CONTACT THEM USING MCDONALD'S NAME. LATTER TRANSFERRING TO WASHINGTON ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15 AND WILL RECONTACT IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ADVISABLE. ESSENTIAL RESERVE ROOMS SOONEST AND SUGGEST TRAVEL SCHEDULE CONTAINED ROME 10468 BE USED FOR BOOKING PURPOSE, I.E. WALDORF NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 26 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, AND STATLER-HILTON NIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7.

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4. HEFFNER SEEMS MOST WILLING COOPERATE IN PROJECT, PARTICULARLY IN SECURING NEW YORK HOSPITALITY. WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT ON EXTENT HIS COOPERATION BUT URGE DEPARTMENT INVOLVE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS NEW YORK CONTACTS AND FAMILIARITY WITH RAI. BASIS OUR BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH HIM, WE HAVE FORWARDED HIM COPY OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS ON HOW BEST FLESH OUT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.
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